

**REMARKS**

Applicants have elected Group I, claims 1-17, 24, 26-28 and 31.  
Groups II-V, claims 18-23, 25, 29 and 30, have been withdrawn  
without prejudice.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for immediate allowance. Early and favorable consideration leading to prompt issuance of this Application is earnestly solicited.

Applicants believe that no fees are due at this time. However, Applicants authorize that any deficiencies that may be due be charged to Deposit Account No. 14-0740.

Respectfully submitted,

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